

**Amendments to Specification:**

Insert the following paragraph on page 3 after line 13 in the specification as originally filed:

FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram of a visual annunciator of an embodiment of the present invention.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22, in the specification as originally filed, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram of a visual annunciator 60 ~~64~~ of an embodiment of the present invention which can give a continuous indication of the alert level. The visual annunciator has several visual indicators 61, e.g., lights or LEDs, which are preferably color-coded and correspond to the various emergency levels defined by the NOAA or other agency. The annunciator 60 ~~64~~ may be integrated with or mounted on the fire control panel, or may stand as a separate unit apart from, but in communication with, the fire control panel. Five visual indicators are shown in FIG. 3 for illustrative purposes; however, one skilled in the art would recognize that a visual annunciator with a different number of visual indicators would fall within the scope of the present invention.